

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

-- An image pickup apparatus includes an image pickup unit and an inspection data generating unit. The image pickup unit captures an image and generates image data representing a captured image. The inspection data generating unit generates inspection data necessary to inspect whether the image data is modified or not. Also, the inspection data generating unit adds first data and second data to the image data, the first data indicating a generation method of the inspection data and the second data indicating a location of the image data. --